



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: August 4, 2009

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Administration Division, Fire Department

SUBJECT: Landscaping Grant From Santa Barbara Beautiful For The Fire Station No. 1 Seismic Renovation Project

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council accept a \$6,000 donation from Santa Barbara Beautiful for a portion of the landscaping for the Fire Station No. 1 Seismic Renovation Project and increase estimated revenues and appropriations in the Redevelopment Agency Capital Projects Budget.

DISCUSSION:

In May 2009, Santa Barbara Beautiful, a well known local non-profit organization, awarded the Fire Department a \$6,000 grant to assist with the re-landscaping at Fire Station No. 1, 121 W. Carrillo St.

Santa Barbara Beautiful has a long history of supporting City Park projects and tree planting. This contribution will assist with the conversion from predominantly turf landscaping to a low water use design.

Construction of the new irrigation system and landscaping has already begun and should be completed by mid-August 2009.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Staff has negotiated a reasonable cost proposal of \$15,564 for landscape planting and irrigation improvements with the current construction contractor, McGillivray Construction, Incorporated. Staff has approved a contract change order for \$15,564 using existing Council authorized change order authority. The \$6,000 Santa Barbara Beautiful grant constitutes approximately 39% of the contract change order, with the remaining funded by the existing Redevelopment Agency project budget.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

This project replaces predominantly turf landscaping with low water use landscaping. .
Staff projects an 83% decrease in irrigation water use from the re-landscaping.

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